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SUBJECT: ASIAN SEAT ON UN SECURITY COUNCIL: GOP REQUEST FOR
US SUPPORT

REF: (A) MANILA 9690

(B) ISLAMABAD 6832

1. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED DFA NOTE DATED 17 JULY (DELIVERED 30 JULY) REQUESTING US SUPPORT FOR PHILIPPINE CANDIDACY FOR SECURITY COUNCIL SEAT DURING 30TH SESSION OF UNGA. NOTE POINTS OUT PHILIPPINES HAS SERVED IN SECURITY COUNCIL FOR ONLY TWO YEARS ON SPLIT TERM BASIS (1957 AND 1963) DURING 30 YEAR MEMBERSHIP. NOTE STATES GOP HAS ALWAYS ADHERED TO PRINCIPLES AND OBJECTIVES OF UN CHARTER AND HAS CONSISTENTLY SUPPORTED MEASURES DESIGNED TO ACHIEVE GENERAL AND COMPLETE DISARMAMENT, NONPROLIFERATION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS AND ESTABLISHMENT OF PEACE KEEPING OPERATIONS. ON REGIONAL LEVEL NOTE SAYS GOP HAS ACTIVELY PROMOTED WITHIN FRAMEWORK OF ASEAN ZONE OF PEACE, FREEDOM AND NEUTRALITY IN SOUTHEAST ASIA. IN VIEW THESE CONSIDERATIONS GOP "SINCERELY HOPES FOR THE VALUABLE SUPPORT OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES FOR THIS CANDIDATURE." (NOTE POUCH DEPT EA/PHL
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AND IO).

2. WE ARE INFORMING DFA THAT WE HAVE REFERRED REQUEST
TO DEPT DFA IS AWARE THAT USUAL U.S. PRACTICE IS TO DEFER TAKING
POSITION ON CANDIDATES FOR ELECTION TO UN BODIES UNTIL WE
KNOW PREFERENCE OF REGIONAL GROUPS DIRECTLY CONCERNED.

COMMENT: PAKISTAN AMBASSADOR IN MANILA, OBVIOUSLY
REFLECTING MFA VIEWS (REFTEL B) RECENTLY TOLD AMBASSADOR THAT
PAKISTAN VERY OPTIMISTIC ABOUT OBTAINING SC SEAT. HE CLAIMED
PAKISTAN HAD HEARD IN GENEVA GOP PUSH FOR SC SEAT IS GAMBIT
TO OBTAIN ECOSOC SEAT. WE HAVE HEARD THIS BEFORE, THERE
MAY BE SOME TRUTH TO STORY BUT IT MAY ALSO BE PAKISTANI
PROPAGANDA TO UNDERCUT PHIL CANDIDACY. WITH WHAT SOME
PERCEIVE AS SOVIET AND PRC SURROGATES LOCKED IN BATTLE
FOR ASIAN SC SEAT, GOP SEEMS HONESTLY TO BELIEVE IT HAS
CHANCE TO SLIDE INTO SC AS COMPROMISE CANDIDATE.
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